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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with recommendation 37 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,[1] as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, a high-level meeting of all States participating in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was convened at Geneva from 26 May to 2 June 1980 to carry out an overall, intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) within the United Nations development system. The report of the first session of the intergovernmental body[2] was considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session. In its resolution 35/202 of 16 December 1980, the General Assembly decided to change the name of the high-level meeting to High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and requested the Administrator of UNDP to convene the next session of the Committee under the same organizational and procedural arrangements as had been made for the high-level meeting.

2. The second session of the High-level Committee met in New York from 1 to 8 June 1981 and its report[3] was considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. In accordance with the agreement reached at the Committee's second session and endorsed by the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, the structure of the third session of the High-level Committee consisted of the Committee in plenary meeting and only one working group, and this practice has been followed in subsequent sessions.

3. The third session of the High-level Committee met in New York from 31 May to 6 June 1983 and its report[4] was considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

4. The fourth session was held in New York from 28 May to 3 June 1985. Its report[5] was considered by the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

5. The fifth session was held in New York from 18 to 22 May 1987 and its report[6] was adopted on 27 May 1987. The General Assembly considered that report at its forty-second session.

6. The sixth session was held in New York from 18 to 22 September 1989 and its report[7] was adopted on 29 September 1989. The General Assembly reviewed that report at its forty-fourth session.

7. The seventh session was held in New York from 28 to 31 May 1991 and its report[8] was adopted on 6 June 1991. The General Assembly considered that report at its forty-sixth session.

8. The eighth session was held in New York from 25 to 28 May 1993 and its report[9] was adopted on 4 June 1993. The General Assembly considered that report at its forty-eighth session.

9. The ninth session was held in New York from 30 May to 2 June 1995. The General Assembly considered the report[10] at its fiftieth session.

II. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Date and place of the session

10. The tenth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries was held in New York from 5 to 9 May 1997.

11. In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 35/202, the session was convened by the Administrator of UNDP under the usual procedural arrangements.

B. Attendance [as of 7 May 1997]

12. The following States Members of the United Nations participating in UNDP were represented at the session:

Algeria
Argentina
Armenia
Austria
Bangladesh
Bolivia
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Djibouti
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Fiji
France
Gambia
Germany
Ghana
Guyana
Haiti
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Jamaica
Japan
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Lesotho
Malawi
Malaysia
Mali
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Netherlands
Niger
Nigeria
Pakistan
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saint Lucia
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Singapore
South Africa
Sweden
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Zambia
Zimbabwe

13. In addition, the representative of the Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, which is also participating in the work of UNDP, attended the session.

14. The following regional commissions were represented:

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

15. The following United Nations bodies were also represented:

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

16. Representatives of the following specialized agencies and related organizations attended the session:

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

17. The following intergovernmental organizations, which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, were represented at the session:

Latin American Economic System (SELA)

Organization of African Unity (OAU)

Organization of American States (OAS)

Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

18. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations attended the session as observers:

Arab Organization for Agricultural Development of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

South Pacific Forum Secretariat

Statistical, Economic and Social Research Institute for the Islamic Countries

19. As proposed by the Administrator of UNDP in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session (A/34/415, para. 7), and as approved by the Assembly in its resolution 34/117 of 14 December 1979, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were invited. The following were represented at the session:

[to be inserted]

C. Opening of the session and election of the President

(Agenda items 1 and 2)

20. The tenth session of the High-level Committee was opened by the President of the ninth session, Mr. Soemadi D. M. Brotodiningrat (Indonesia).

21. Mr. Momodou Kebba Jallow, Permanent Representative of Gambia to the United Nations, was elected President of the High-level Committee by acclamation.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(Agenda item 4)

22. The High-level Committee adopted the agenda (TCDC/10/L.1) and the organization of work (TCDC/10/L.2). A general debate was held in the plenary meetings from 5 to 9 May on items 5, 6 and 7. The Working Group, which began its work on 7 May, was assigned agenda items 5, 6 and 7 for substantive discussion and recommendations to the Committee. For a list of documents considered by the Committee at its tenth session, see annex II to the present report.

E. Election of officers other than the President

(Agenda item 3)

23. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Presidents: Ms. M. Patricia Durrant (Jamaica)
Ms. Helen Browne (Ireland)

Rapporteur: Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg (Mongolia)

24. The High-level Committee approved the President's recommendation that Ms. Patricia Durrant (Jamaica) should serve as Chairman of the Working Group. It was subsequently agreed that she should also serve as Rapporteur of the Working Group.

III. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION

A. Statement by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

[TCDC/10/L.3/Add.1]

B. Introduction of the reports by the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries - highlights of progress reports

[TCDC/10/L.3/Add.1]

IV. SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL DEBATE

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V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

A. Report of the Chairman of the Working Group to the High-level Committee

... At its ... meeting, on ... May 1997, the High-level Committee considered the report of the Chairman of the Working Group to the High-level Committee. In its report, the Working Group recommended the adoption of three draft decisions. The decisions were adopted at the ... meeting. The texts of the decisions (decisions 10/1, 10/2 and 10/3) are reproduced in annex I to the present report.

B. Views expressed following the adoption of the decisions

[to be inserted]

C. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the High-level Committee

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D. Draft report of the High-level Committee

... The High-level Committee authorized its Rapporteur to complete its report, taking into account any amendments or comments received from delegations.

VI. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

A. Closing statement by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

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B. Closing statement by the President

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Notes

[1] Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39 and Corr.1).

[3] Ibid., Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/36/39).

[4] Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

[5] Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/40/39).

[6] Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/42/39).

[7] Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/44/39).

[8] Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39).

[9] Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

[10] Ibid., Fiftieth session, Supplement No. 39 (A/50/39).

ANNEX I

Decisions adopted by the High-level Committee at its tenth session

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ANNEX II

List of documents before the High-level Committee at its tenth session

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